GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1813
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DISCHARGE OF UNTREATED SEWAGE INTO SEA BY HOTELS
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Orissa Pollution Control Board has found out that the sea water in Puri is polluted due to inflow of untreated sewage discharge into the sea, mostly from the hotels in the area near the sea;

(b) if so, whether the Government is aware that the local effluent treatment plant ignores the Supreme Court`s norms; and

(c) if so, the action plan chalked out by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The Orissa Pollution Control Board monitors the water quality of the sea in Puri and it has been observed that untreated wastewater sometimes goes to the sea because of choking of sewer lines leading to the facultative pond.

(b) & (c) As per the direction of the Supreme Court, a detailed sewerage scheme along with sewage treatment plant as provided by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, is currently being executed.As an interim measure near the sea beach, a High Rate Transpitation Systemof treatment and disposal facility has been implemented and it has been informed to the Supreme Court. After the completion of the comprehensive sewage treatment scheme, it is expected that the entire sewage of Puri City can be treated adequately in order to eliminate the risk of pollution of the beach.